

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening when an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD

Editor's Note: The following Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening was exempt from Executive Order 2012-03 as issued by Governor Brewer. (See the text of the executive order on page 1051.)

[R14-56]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 2, Administration
Chapter and its heading: 8, State Retirement System Board
Article and its heading: 1, Retirement System; Defined Benefit Plan
Section numbers: R2-8-120 and R2-8-123
- 2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
Effective July 1, 2013, ASRS statutes changed to require an ASRS member to name the member's current spouse as primary beneficiary of at least 50 percent of the member's retirement account and, at the time of retirement, to choose a joint and survivor annuity that names the current spouse as 50 percent contingent annuitant. The statutes also provide a means for the current spouse to waive this right and consent to an alternative. This rulemaking implements the statutory change.
- 3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 20 A.A.R. 995, May 2, 2014 (*in this issue*).
- 4. Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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- 5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Board will accept comments during business hours at the address listed in item 4. Information regarding an oral proceeding will be included in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
- 6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
See the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on page 995 of this issue.